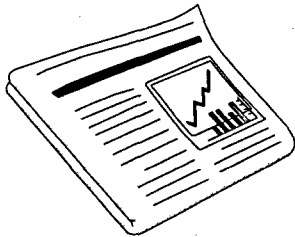


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The Journal News in N.Y. says a federal rule allowing new power plants to kill fish using river water in their cooling systems, as long as they also have restoration programs, was struck down Wednesday by the U.S. Court of Appeals as a violation of the Clean Water Act. However, there are conflicting views as to how, or if, the court ruling would affect existing power plants and the state's permit process. 2/5; <http://www.nyjournalnews.com> .

Associated Press reports thousands of large sardines died this week when they were sucked into intake tunnels at the San Onofre nuclear power plant in California. 2/5; <http://www.mercurynews.com> .

The Press of Atlantic City writes the NRC, citing a history of lax safety at the Salem nuclear power plant, recently gave plant operators, PSEG Nuclear, a scathing rebuke and 30 days to draft sweeping changes in safety procedures. 2/4; <http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com> .

LACEY, N.J. -- State residents overwhelmingly favor extending the life of New Jersey's nuclear power plants for another 20 years, says The Asbury Park Press, if the facilities continue to meet federal safety standards. The findings were released Wednesday in a report conducted by officials at the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant. 1/31; <http://www.app.com> .

OCEAN TOWNSHIP, N.J. -- The Press of Atlantic City reports a cross section of the Ocean County community -- including mayors, councilmen, residents and a priest -- called for the closure of the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant last Thursday, saying it is a serious threat to the region. 1/30; <http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com> .

The Valley Advocate takes a look at the challenges posed by nuclear power plant aging and uprates, focusing on Vermont Yankee. 2/5; <http://valleyadvocate.com> .

COLUMBIA, S.C. -- A facility at the Savannah River Site, near Aiken, that would convert weapons-grade plutonium into fuel for commercial nuclear reactors, will not begin construction this year. Disagreements between Russian and U.S. contractors have delayed construction of the

mixed-oxide facility until at least May 2005. Associated Press, 2/5; <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com> .

The Las Vegas Sun writes a report that found the Yucca Mountain nuclear repository project will economically benefit Nevada with high-wage jobs was paid for by a \$100,000 cooperative agreement grant from the Energy Department to the Harry Reid Center at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. 2/3; <http://www.lasvegassun.com> .

A New York Times editorial says that a year has passed since President Bush promised to overhaul the Clean Air Act, and nothing has happened. The administration continues to resist the idea of mandatory limits on greenhouse gases, despite the endorsement of the National Research Council, the nation's top scientific advisory group. 2/5; <http://www.nytimes.com> .

Homeland security officials got a tongue-lashing Wednesday in a House Homeland Security Committee hearing about the nation's color-coded terror alert system. However, the officials defended the system as a work in progress. United Press International, 2/5; <http://www.washingtontimes.com> .

The Washington Post reports hundreds of police and military troops in chemical protection gear combed through unopened mail Wednesday as Senate leaders pronounced the ricin scare at the U.S. Capitol over. They said Senate office buildings would begin to reopen Thursday. (P. A1), 2/5; <http://www.washingtonpost.com> .

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